

PATENT**REMARKS****I. Introductory Remarks**

Minor amendments have been made to the claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. The Amendment

Entry of the amendment above is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

The amendment to the claims was not presented earlier because the minor informalities were discovered upon review of the application after receipt of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment dated August 2, 2005.

The amendment to claims is necessary to correct grammatical errors. Furthermore, claims 3 and 17 have been cancelled because the claimed elements are respectively recited in independent claims 1 and 16.

No additional search or examination is required because the amendments are minor in nature and do not affect the scope of the claims.

III. Closing Remarks

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to the claims should be entered.

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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (818) 493-3157 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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